

Culross Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 12th May 2014

Held in Town House

Present:
CCC Cllr Tim Collins (Chairperson)
CCC Cllr Robert Nelson (Treasurer)
CCC Cllr Eileen Laidlaw (Correspondence Secretary)
CCC Cllr Diane MacKenzie
Ex Officio Present:
Cllr W Fergusion
Cllr K Stewart
In attendance:
Hugh Gourlay
Enid Stewart
Jean Carwardine
Apologies Submitted:
CCC Cllr Clare Short
CCC Cllr David Alexander
CCC Cllr Sine Russell
Elaine Longmuir (NTS)

The meeting started at 7.00 with Cllr Tim Collins in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action Owner &
	The Chair welcomed all present.	
1. Apologies for Absence	Clare Short, David Alexander, Sine Russell, Elaine Longmuir	
2. NTS not present – optional input from a member of the public	The meeting allowed a short presentation from Jean Carwardine:- Jean had been talking to the NTS surveyor who advised her that the North East corner of the empty building next door to her house was in a dangerous condition and may possibly be a danger to the public. The council assured her that the empty housing issue in the village was being pursued but, as yet , with little effect. The council thanked her for the information and said they will endeavour to keep her apprised of any developments in this regard and she left the meeting.	
3. Guest Speaker	Hugh Gourlay Gave a short presentation of the next visit to the village of the filming crew. He outlined dates for the filming and described some of the activities that would take place during their visit. There was a general discussion about road closures and in particular access to Erskine Brae during the closure times. Assurances were given that access would be available by alternate routes during closures. A short discussion on safety issues around fire precautions. Communication with residents seemed to be satisfactory on the last occasion and it was agreed that similar measures would be sufficient on this visit too. There followed a general discussion on the aftermath of the last visit and issues around the clean up were addressed. He agreed to keep the community informed and made	

	assurances regarding all the matters discussed.	
3a)	There was a brief summary of the newsletter production procedure and issues around that for the benefit of Enid who has very kindly offered to take care of the advertising and invoicing side of the production. The meeting thanked her for the help and she left the meeting.	
4. Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting	The Minutes of 31st March 2014 were approved: Proposed: TC Seconded: EL	
5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:	There were no matters arising	
6. Treasurer's Report:	RN circulated copies of his monthly report: And advised of outgoings pending. Both accounts are in credit and holding funds ring-fenced for various projects	
7. Correspondence Received	EL gave a summary of received correspondence on the yahoo account and highlighted:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the insurance documents which require an action. 2. emails about the condition and non availability of the public toilets 3. emails protesting the move of our citizen of the year Postman Peter who is to be relocated. There had been a concerned communication regarding a chain across Station path which has caused a cyclist to have an accident. It was agreed that steps be taken to make the chain and post more visible with high visibility paint or similar	WF
8. Chair's Report	Efforts this period have been directed towards getting the final application in to KSB for the CCF funding for the Stables. Due in no small measure to the able assistance of Eileen who encouraged helped and added information to the endeavour, we made the deadline. The application now goes before a panel in June and we should know by the end of that month if we have been successful. We spoke to our contact at KSB and she assures us that our project is a good one and we should just hope that we are not bottom of the pick list. The application is for doors, windows, low energy lighting and insulation to the roof area. So – fingers crossed- we may get funded. did not attend the last meeting of the Community Council Forum - Thursday evenings are always a problem.	
9. Elected FC Cllrs' Reports	Both councillors present summarised recent relevant action undertaken and were thanked by the meeting for their efforts in helping Culross particularly the part funding of the new play park The appointment of the headmaster to the village school was confirmed. The grass cutting contractor is due in the village shortly.	
10. External Meeting Reports	None	
11. Planning	Holiday Chalets – Brankston Brae Felling conifer trees – off low causeway	

	There were no objections or issues with either application.	
12. Any Other Competent Business	<p>The relocation of the postman was discussed and it was resolved the no action should be taken that may impact on his career – the meeting agreed to keep the matter under review until a frank discussion with Peter could be had</p> <p>The wall at Newgate has fallen over and seems to be as a result of tree root growth – safety issues</p> <p>The annual village clean up which usually takes place in May but has been missed this year due to other pressures. Areas of concern were discussed</p> <p>Fund raising for the new play park was discussed – The Red Lion has offered to host an event on the 16th June – the offer has been gratefully accepted and the meeting expressed thanks to David and Anne for their generosity. Ticket sales for the event were discussed</p> <p>The condition of the public toilets was discussed and all agreed that an upgrade is required – it was generally agreed that funding for this would be best obtained once the play park funding has been assured and the matter is on hold</p> <p>Adopt a tub – it was agreed to continue this scheme this year and that last years participants be contacted. It was agreed also that the raised bed at the abbey be designated and treated as two tubs.</p> <p>The newsletter financial viability was discussed at length and various actions were discussed to put the newsletter on a financially sound footing:- Reduce the quality, reduce the colour content, bring in advertisers and articles from further afield, increase the cost to advertisers, have a cover charge per issue of £1, It was resolved that various options would be costed for the next meeting</p>	<p>RN</p> <p>WF KS</p> <p>DM / RN</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>TC</p>
13. Date of Next Meeting	Next Meeting – Monday 9 th June, 7pm in the Town House.	

The meeting ended at: 8.50pm